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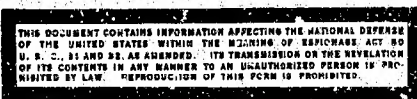
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NONFERROUS METAL PLANTS COMPLETE PLANS

COPPER MILL FULFILLS PLAN -- Zarya Vostoka, No 113, 11 Jun 49

The Tbilisi Copper Rolling Mill imeni Oktyabr'skaya Re olyutsiya has completed the half-year plan ahead of schedule. During 5 months of 1949, gross production was 7.1 percent higher than in the first half year of 1948. Labor productivity at the plant rose 1.7 percent over the 1948 level and exceeded the plan 25.4 percent. The workers have also succeeded in considerably lowering the production costs of sheet copper.

COPPER PLANT IMPROVES OUTPUT -- Kommunist, No 132, 7 Jun 49

The Alaverdi Copper Smelting Plant operated unsatisfactorily in the first quarter of this year. After the introduction of improved operating methods, the plant exceeded its quantity-of-production plan in April and May, making up part of the losses accrued during the first quarter. The converters and electric foundries have shown improvement in their operations. A wirebar shop which is nearing completion, will produce copper bars, suitable for rolling and production of cables. The plant has pledged to complete the second-quarter plan for copper smelting by 23 June and electrolytic copper by 25 June.

KAZAKH PLANTS EXCEED PLANS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 109, 7 Jun 49

The Ust'-Kamenogorsk Zinc Plant exceeded its 5-month production plan and doubled the output of zero-grade zinc.

The concentrating mill of the Balkhash Copper-Smelting Plant exceeded its May plan, producing concentrate of superior quality.

The Irtysh Copper-Smelting Plant exceeded all aspects of its 5-month production plan.

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NEW DREDGES INCREASE GOLD OUTPUT -- Zabaykalskiy Rabochiy, No 90, 10 May 49

The dredging artels of the Aprelkovo Section (Chief, P. Galanov) of the Mikhaylovskiy Mine Administration are fulfilling their pledges to repair two dredges and build two new dredges ahead of schedule. The Aprelkovskaya Artel started operating its dredge 20 days ahead of schedule and has already obtained the first quantity of gold. The Peshkovskaya Artel is completing repair and construction of its dredges. The dredging artels have pledged to complete the 1949 plan for gold mining 105 percent.

MINES COMPLETE PLAN -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 87, 5 May 49

The Zapokrovskoye Mine Administration completed the 5-month plan for gross production and output of concentrate on 30 April.

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